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FOR AMEMBASSY CAPETOWN

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SUBJECT: PROXIMITY TALKS ON NAMIBIA: GENSCHER'S
PARTICIPATION

REFS: (A) USUN 0236' (B) BONN 1400

1. FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER TOLD ME EARLIER TODAY
THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN PROXIMITY
TALKS IN NEW YORK ON FEBRUARY 11 (REF A). GENSCHER
ASKED ME TO INFORM SECRETARY VANCE THAT HE HOPED THE
TALKS COULD BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 9 OR 10. GENSCHER
CONTINUED THAT HE ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE
SECRETARY'S FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE TALKS.

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2. GENSCHER NOTED THAT NEITHER CALLAGHAN NOR
DE GUIRINGAUD COULD PARTICIPATE IN TALKS THE ENTIRE
DAY OF FEBRUARY 12 BECAUSE OF THE EC-9 MINISTERIAL
ON FEBRUARY 13. HE SAID THIS WOULD PUT THE MINISTERS
UNDER UNDESIRABLE TIME PRESSURES WHICH WERE LIKELY
TO DISTRACT FROM THE USEFULNESS OF THE TALKS.

MOREOVER HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SWAPO REPS WOULD ALSO BE REQUIRED TO DEPART EARLY ON FEBRUARY 12 BECAUSE OF A "CONFERENCE IN AFRICA ON FEBRUARY 13."

3. GENSCHER CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD OFFERED SEATS ABOARD THE FRG MILITARY PLANE TO HIS EC COLLEAGUES BUT THAT NONE HAD YET RESPONDED.

4. GENSCHER REITERATED HIS REQUEST (REF B) FOR A BILATERAL WITH THE SECRETARY. HE NOTED THEY HAD LAST MET AT THE UN AND THAT A NUMBER OF NEW ISSUES HAD EMERGED SINCE THAT MEETING. HE BELIEVED IT IMPORTANT TO HAVE A FACE-TO-FACE DISCUSSION OF THESE ISSUES WITH THE SECRETARY. HE MENTIONED MBFR AS BEING OF PARTICULAR INTEREST.
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